

Town of Dudley

Board of Selectmen
Highway Commissioners
Cemetery Commissioners

February 6, 2017 @ 6:30pm.
Dudley Municipal Complex
71 West Main Street, Dudley, MA 01571
Veterans Memorial Hall – Room 321A
Approved 2/27/2017

Some matters have been taken out of agenda order but were typed up in agenda order for ease of locating information when necessary.

1. Call to Order, Pledge of Allegiance

Jonathan Ruda opened the meeting at 6:33pm. In attendance were Peter Fox, John Marsi and Steven Sullivan. Also in attendance were Greg Balukonis, Town Administrator and Michelle Jervis, Administrative Secretary. Paul Joseph was absent.

2. Acceptance of Minutes:

John Marsi motioned to approve the minutes of 1/23/17 as printed. Peter Fox seconded. Unanimous 4-0.

3. Appointments/Resignations:

Central Massachusetts Regional Planning Commission – Delegate – John Marsi motioned to appoint Sara Darlagiannis of 6 Sabaj Way as the Selectmen’s delegate to CMRPC for 2017. Peter Fox seconded. Unanimous 4-0.

4. Public Comments/Citizens Comments:

5. “Around Town” – Focus on Local Businesses:

6. Licenses and Permits:

Estimate Resident Population from Alcoholic Beverages Control Commission – John Marsi motioned to accept the Town Administrator’s proposal of the resident population for Dudley and submit it to the ABCC with regarding to any seasonal liquor licenses. Peter Fox seconded. Unanimous 4-0.

7. Public Hearings:

8. Public Business:

a. Sarah White – Permission to hold a Bucket Brigade for H.A.N.D.S (Helping Address the Needs of Dudley Seniors) –Ms. White came before the Board. She stated that this year they awarded 50 seniors @ \$500/each and since the non-profit’s inception has awarded over \$50,000 in fuel oil for seniors. **John Marsi motioned to grant permission to H.A.N.D.S to hold a Bucket Brigade on Saturday, May 27, 20127 from 9:00am to 12:00pm at the town line. Peter Fox seconded. Unanimous 4-0.**

b. Baker Pond Association – Request to close the boat ramp on Baker Pond Road. – Ken Brackley, President of the Baker Pond Association as well as Wayne Marquis, resident of the pond, came before the Board. They stated that the pond lies half in Dudley and half in Charlton. For the past 3 years a new evasive plant called fanwort has been found and is spreading quickly. It is a new weed to the pond and the reason for this is that the weed/seeds are attached to the boats/trailers launching at the boat

ramp. The boats that residents have on the pond never leave the pond. Regarding the cost for weed control, the Association is solely responsible. This year they paid \$11,095 out of Association's income to add chemicals to the pond to eradicate fanwort. The chemicals can only be used every four years and are very expensive. There is no funding from other sources and there are no grants available. Baker Pond has 82 homes on it and not everyone contributes to the Association. The pond is also treated for algae and milfoil but the cost is not an issue. Mr. Brackeley feels it is imperative to close the ramp to boats entering the pond. There are many bass boats and speed boats coming onto the pond, especially on the weekends. Mr. Marquis, who is an avid fisherman/bass tournament player, has lived on the pond since 1980. He has seen many plants, all evasive, in the pond but fanwort is the worst. Trailered watercraft creates the problem. He would like to limit the amount of boat traffic. No problem with canoes, kayaks, etc. John Marsi, who owns property on a lake in Maine, stated that they have a volunteer program where volunteers are educated on how to inspect the boats. Also they have bass tournaments to raise money for weed treatments. Jon Ruda asked how this plays with the public and residents of Dudley and would like to get more information. After discussion all agreed to hold a Public Hearing to get additional input.

c. **FY16 Annual Report – Front Cover – Founding Families of Dudley** – The monument listing the founding families of Dudley was erected last year on the town common. After discussion John Marsi motioned to have a photo of the Founding Families of Dudley monument on the front cover of the FY16 annual report. Peter Fox seconded. Unanimous 4-0.

d. **Establish a One Year Lookback period regarding full time equivalent employees per Affordable Care Act** – After discussion Steven Sullivan motioned to grant the Town Treasurer/Collector his request and authorize him to review the One Year Lookback Period for Full Time Equivalent Employees per the Affordable Care Act. Peter Fox seconded. Unanimous 4-0.

e. **Capital Improvement Study – Grant** – Mr. Balukonis stated that he applied, and received a \$25,000 Capital Improvement Grant as part of the Community Compact Grant. The RFP was published and we received a bid from the Abrahams Group to develop a multiyear Capital Improvement Plan and financing strategy for a total of \$22,000. There is no cost to the town. After discussion Peter Fox motioned to approve the contract to Abrahams Group in the amount of \$22,000 to provide the town with a Capital Improvement Plan. John Marsi seconded. Unanimous 4-0.

9. Board of Selectmen Comments/Department Head Comments:

10. Town Administrator's Report:

Mr. Balukonis stated that we have received the Financial Audit from Scanlon and Associates. The annual audit results shows that the town is financial stable and any problems we had last year have been rectified. All members received copies of the report.

11. Adjournment/Executive Session:

John Marsi motioned to adjourn from public session at 7:31pm and convene into Executive Session under M.G.L. Chapter 30A §21(6) – To consider the purchase, exchange, lease or value of real estate, if the chair declares that an open meeting may have a detrimental effect on the negotiating position of the public body.

Roll Call Vote:

John Marsi, Aye

Peter Fox, Aye

Steven Sullivan, Aye

Jonathan Ruda, Aye,

Respectfully submitted, Michelle Jervis, Administrative Secretary